GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:518
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2003
PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT
HARIBHAU MAHALE;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of wheat procured by the State Governments in the year 2002 could not be stored in the covered godowns as they were already full with the stocks procured in 2000 and 2001 in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details in regard thereto;

(c) whether a large quantity of wheat packed in gunny bags and lying in the open, has been damaged because of unseasonal rains this year;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the amount of loss suffered as a result of this damage to wheat stock; and

(f) the remedial measures taken by the Government to save such loss in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.518 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25-04-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): Out of a total 190.25 lakh tonnes of wheat procured during the Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2002-03, the following quantities were reported to have been stored in the open i.e. cover and plinth (CAP) storage in the following States:-

Quantitative stored in CAP (in lakh MT)	
Haryana	42.46
Uttaranchal	0.91
Uttar Pradesh	4.94
Punjab	88.99
Total	137.30

(c): No, Sir.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.

(f): Requisite precautions like the provision of proper dunnage, covering of stocks stored in the open, in CAP storage, with water proof polythene sheets and lashing of the stocks with ropes etc. are being taken to protect the stocks from damage. The stocks stored in the open are also regularly inspected and prophylactic and curative treatment undertaken to prevent damage.